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Serial. No. 10/037,123

Remarks/Arguments

In the Office Action dated November 10, 2003, claims 1-4, 8, 10, 12-15 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,948,135 to Grundy et al.; claims 1-3, 8, 10, 12, 13 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,988,135 to Coggin Jr.; claims 1-3, 8, 10, 12, 13 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,537,609 to McEathron; and claims 1-3, 8, 10-13 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,146,373 to Sullivan et al.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 5-7, 9, 16-18 and 20 recite allowable subject matter.

With this paper, claims 1 and 10 have been amended to recite a plurality of first brackets each having an intermediate member coupled to a bushing main body first side wall. The Office Action alleges that the claimed "intermediate member," in originally filed claim 1, reads on side member 20 disclosed in the Grundy et al. patent; the angle member 28 in the Coggin, Jr. patent; and a frame member 5 in the McEathron patent. It is presumed that the Examiner believes the claimed "intermediate member" reads on a flange 34 in the Sullivan et al. patent. Nowhere in any one of the Grundy et al. patent, the Coggin, Jr. patent, the McEathron patent or the Sullivan et al. patent is it disclosed, taught or suggested to provide a plurality of first brackets each including an intermediate member coupled to a bushing main body first side wall. In view of the amendments to claims 1 and 10, it is submitted that the patents to Grundy et al., Coggin, Jr., McEathron and Sullivan et al., whether taken singly or in combination, do not disclose, teach or suggest the subject matter set out in claims 1-20.

With this paper, new claim 21 has been added. It is submitted that claim 21 also defines patentable invention over the prior art.

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In view of the above remarks and amendments, applicants submit that claims 1-21 define patentably over the prior art. Early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully requested.

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